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REMARKS


Claims 1-43 are pending in this application. Claims 7, 14, 34, 39, 41 and 43 are currently amended. Claims 1-43 were allowed pending correction of informalities. In particular, the Office required insertion of serial numbers to referenced applications and claim changes for lack of antecedent basis. The specification and claims have been amended as suggested by the Office, although Applicant is unable to find the antecedent basis problem or the term "the state" in claim 41 at line 18. Also, in claim 41, at line 20, Applicant has changed "the total" rather than "the state" to --a total-- . It is assumed that there was a typographical error in the Office Action. Also, Applicant has corrected one further instance of missing antecedent basis in claim 39.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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